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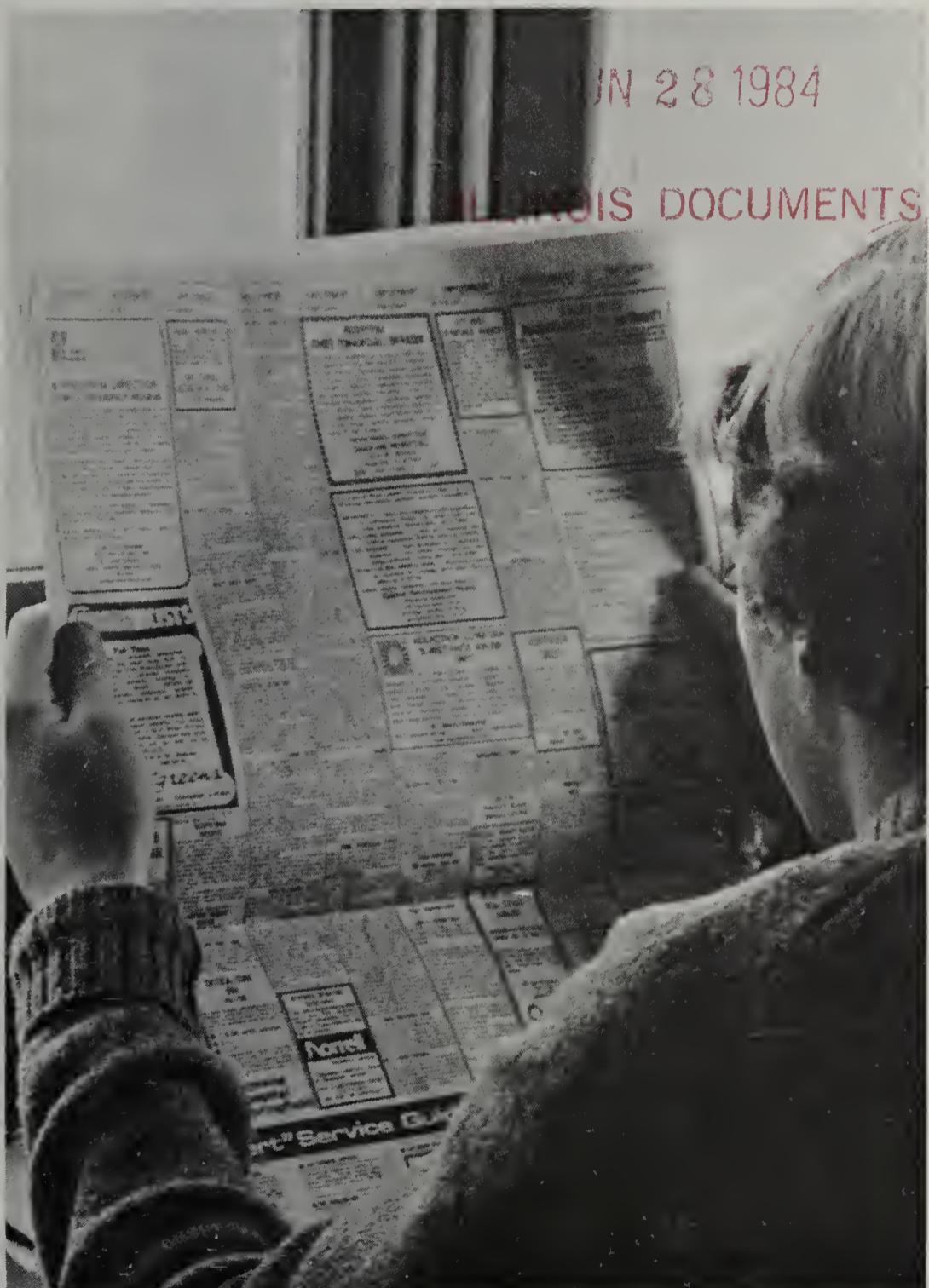
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THE WORK INCENTIVE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

The Work Incentive Demonstration Program (WDP) is a program for public assistance recipients who are considered employable. In WDP, participants are viewed as persons who have wide ranges of abilities, and who are interested in their own self-support.

The self-directed efforts of WDP participants are supplemented by staff assistance in the areas of job counseling, job development, and the provision of supportive services.

In group sessions, the WDP can help you find a job **on your own**.

WDP can help you:

- ★ To assess your employment potential.
- ★ To set realistic employment goals.
- ★ To develop your job-seeking and job-keeping skills.
- ★ To follow-up on job leads provided by other members of the group.
- ★ To prepare resumes, fill out applications, follow-up on interviews.

OTHER PROGRAM PROVISIONS

The WDP will provide you with a standard allowance to help pay for transportation for job search for each 30 day period.

The WDP can help you pay for initial employment expenses necessary to accept a bona fide offer of employment. Payment can be made for special clothing, uniforms, tools, transportation, etc.

The WDP can assist you in becoming more employable by paying for day care, transportation and required fees while you attend an education or training program.

The WDP can help you move into regular employment by providing you with orientation to work, work experience and training, and by preventing the deterioration of or enhancing existing skills through a work experience program.

WIN REGISTRATION

If you are a recipient of AFDC and are 16 years of age or older, you are required to be registered with the WDP unless you are legally exempt. You may be exempt for WDP registration if:

- ★ You are under 16 or over 64.
- ★ You are 16 through 18 and in full-time school (excluding college).
- ★ You are medically exempt as determined by the report of a physician or psychologist.
- ★ You provide full-time care required by another household member.
- ★ You personally care for a child under age 6 in the home.
- ★ You are a parent with a dependent child in the family where the other parent is already registered with WDP.
- ★ You are employed at least 30 hours per week in a job that is not funded in whole or part by the government (Federal, State or Local).

If you feel that you should not have to seek employment for any of the above reasons, please contact your caseworker. Your caseworker will discuss the exemptions with you and decide if you are exempt.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

You must cooperate with the WDP and your WDP worker.

You must, if requested, provide information about employment history and capabilities.

You must keep all WDP appointments on the date and time scheduled.

You must be regularly and consistently engaged in job search.

You must respond to a suitable job referral.

You must accept bona fide offers of employment.

You must report any employment immediately.

You must actively participate in assigned WDP components.

FAILURE TO COOPERATE

At times, you may have a good reason for not participating in the WDP. Good cause includes, but is not limited to the following: death in the family, injury or illness in the family, and sudden and unexpected emergency. You must remember to contact your WDP worker if such an occasion arises. He/she will determine if a "good cause" exists. Refusal to cooperate or participate in the WDP without "good cause" will result in the reduction or cancellation of your grant for three (3) payment months for the first occurrence and for six (6) payment months for the second and subsequent occurrences.

You have the right to appeal any decision which will result in the reduction, cancellation or denial of public assistance benefits.

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